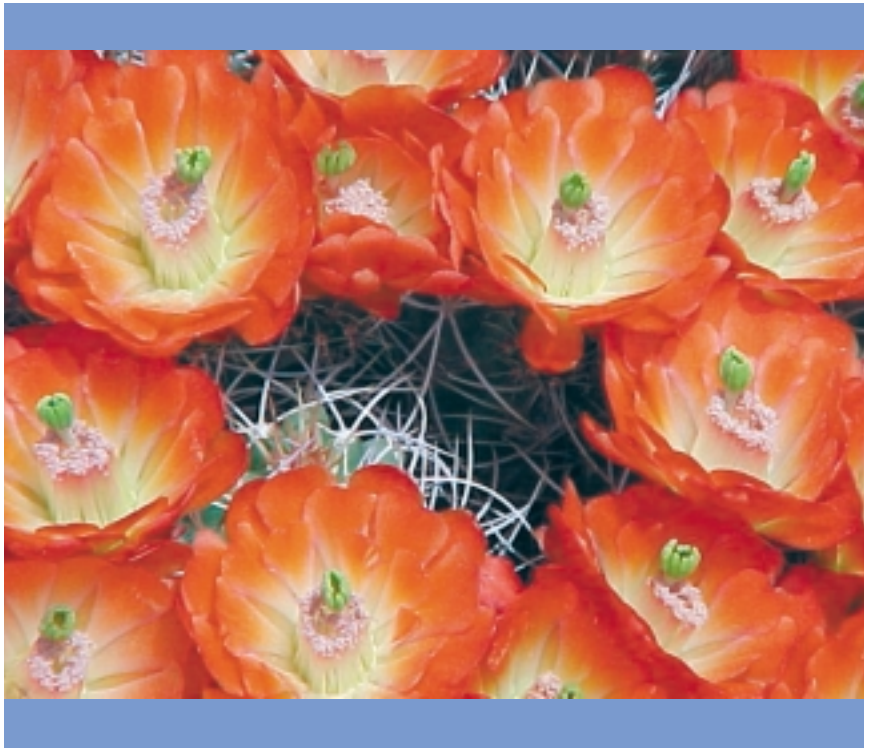
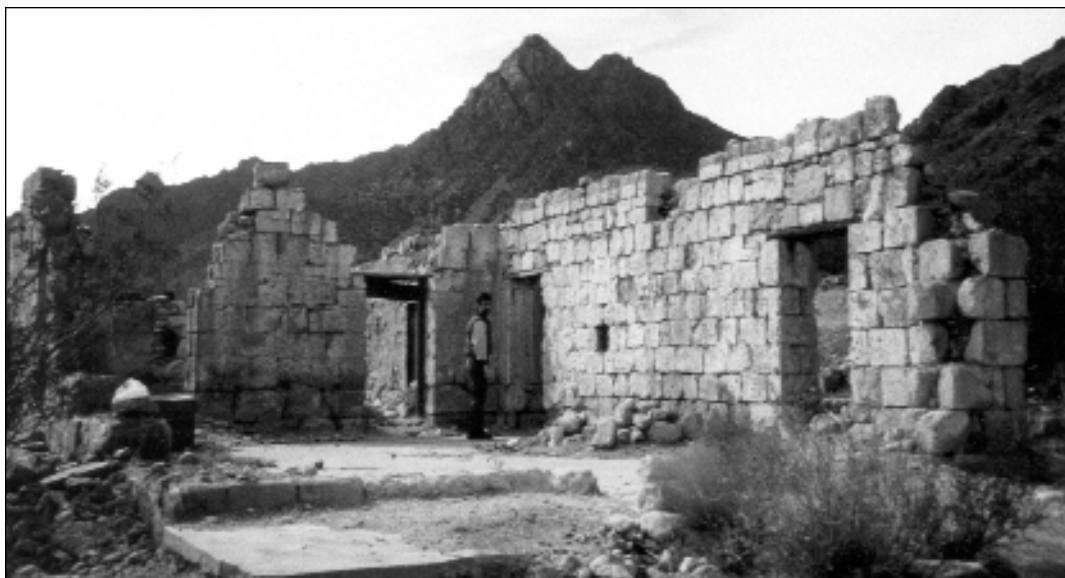
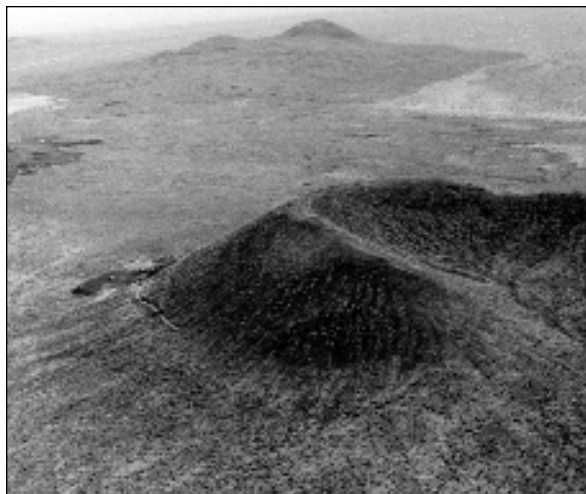
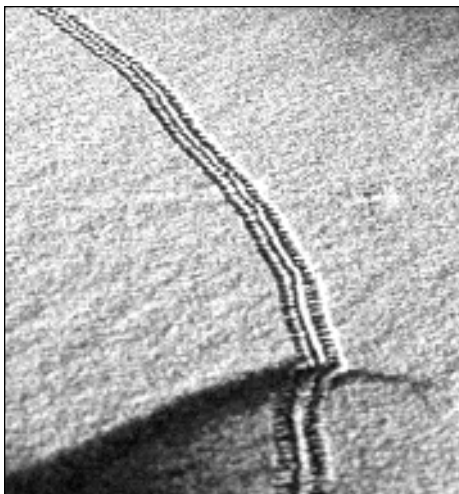


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Overview

The vision for the Preserve is the protection and perpetuation of a natural environment and cultural landscape, where protection of self-sustaining native desert ecosystems and processes is ensured for future generations. The preservation and interpretation of historic and archeological resources pertaining to historic land use activities are an important source of visitor education and enjoyment. Educational opportunities and research activities of the natural and cultural environment are encouraged and access for all people, regardless of capability, is assured.

The plan strives to perpetuate the solitude and quiet, and the sense of discovery and adventure that now exists. The plan emphasizes minimum overall development that would detract from the setting and sense of discovery that currently exists. This means minimizing new development, including the proliferation of signs, new campgrounds and outdoor interpretive exhibits. The plan looks to adjacent communities to provide most visitor support services such as food, gas, and lodging.

Opportunities for roadside vehicle camping, backcountry camping, and access to the Preserve by existing roads consistent with the NPS mission will be provided.

A central museum and interpretive facility will be provided at Kelso Depot. The National Park Service proposes to seek funding to rehabilitate and partially restore the historic depot for visitor services, including interpretive displays.

This plan incorporates the NPS mission into the management of the resources within the 1.6 million-acre Preserve, in accordance with the 1994 Congressional designation of the area as a unit of the national park system. Stated simply, this means the primary goal is to protect the resources while providing for visitor enjoyment. However, at Mojave National Preserve, management must also consider the existence of major utility corridors and with other mandates from Congress, such as grazing, hunting, and mining under NPS regulations. Some changes are proposed for these activities, with the goal of providing for resource preservation and visitor enjoyment.

The plan would retain the ability of landowners to develop their private property, provided such developments not detrimental to the integrity of the Preserve or otherwise incompatible with the CDPA. The overall goal is purchasing property from willing sellers to enhance the primary mission of preserving resources.



ORGANIZATION:

Issues are presented under the following headings:

- Land Protection
- Management of Park Resources
- Facilities and Development
- Use of the Preserve
- Partnerships and Other Relationships
- Plan Implementation

